



# Puddle Jumper

March 2000

## March Meeting

The March meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 9th at **The Miner's Restaurant**, 126 Turner Street. (451-0384). That's right across the street from the News Miner and the opposite end of the row from Samson's Hardware. The restaurant is owned and operated by James and Lorna Lounsbury's brother, Doc Lounsbury. They'll close the restaurant to the public for us to have a "quiet" uninterrupted dinner and meeting. We'll order from their menu of meals ranging from Deli Subs and Cheese Steaks to Broiled Chicken Breast Sandwich or Classic Rueben Sandwich and Steak Sandwich ranging from \$7.50 to \$9.50 Meals of Beer Battered Halibut, Chicken Strips, Fisherman's Sampler all \$8.00 to \$8.50 or the Prime Rib Sandwich for \$10.50 or Surf N' Turf (Tender NY Steak with Sautéed Shrimp Scampi) for \$13.00. See you there and bring a friend!!

## Members Spotlight

(by Paul Camarata)

### Bill and Joan Yingst

Bill and Joan's 1941 Command Car was finally purchased in 1963 after 3 years of trying to

convince the California owner to sell it to them. It was located on a buffalo ranch (were Bill and Joan originally looking for buffalo steaks?) It had seen the "war" from kids in the area shooting at it for target practice and had 12 bullet holes in it. They fixed it up and drove it around California and drove up the Alcan Highway in 1970. In 1992 they did a 2 year restoration in 4 months with a lot of help from friends! The work had to be completed to prepare it for the 50th reunion of the completion of the Alcan Highway which was in 1992. The Command car typically brings up the rear on the club's Wednesday night terrorize the tourist and other touring events by the club in case of attack by ????? (you fill in the blank)

### Warren D and Linda Tilman

The Tilman's 1959 Chevy Bel Air was actually a replacement car for the original '59 purchased from Tip Top Chevrolet in 1959 - the original car was sold to Warren's brother after the Tilman's had owned it for 2 years. Why? They departed from the Chevy's and bought a Ford (O my goodness!) but they always remembered the ole '59 Chevy with a fond heart. The replacement '59 was purchased in 1994 from the Peede family who had originally purchased it from Tip Top also back in 1959. The only difference between the two vehicles is that the present car is an automatic and the original was a 3 speed. The car has been repainted and has 102,000 original miles on it. The car and the Tilman's have lived here all their life -- how many miles do Warren and Linda have on them?

### Gene and Mebble Hansen

Gene and Mebble's 1931 Model A Coupe was purchased from the Ron Franklin's Dad (if Paul can read his handwriting that's the right person, check with Gene at the meeting) in Arizona in 1985. It was driven in the Washington State Parade as part of the Eagles Annual Convention that Mebble was part of. They then had the car shipped to Anchorage and then again shipped to Fairbanks. It is an original car and rides in the rumble seat were often auctioned off complete with champagne!!! Wonder who rode back there (Gene says there were several Mukity Mucks!), how many, and how much they auctioned the rides for?

The other car is a 1949 Plymouth P8 and the Hansen's have had it since 1993/94. This one was purchased from Andy Neubauer. Andy had the car sitting in his equipment yard and was always running dosers and heavy equipment all around it. Gene kept after Andy to sell it to him before it got smashed and totaled by a cat. The car had always been an Alaskan car and sat in a barn for 17 years before Andy had it. The car is a good running car, and is all original and just needs to be reupholstered and driven on a regular basis. It is believed to have 25,000 original miles on it. Only 25,000 miles!! We know Gene and Mebble have more than that on them!! Gene and Mebble both have served terms as past presidents of the VLNAACA and that puts the miles on you for sure.



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March 9, 2000	Monthly Meeting
April 13, 2000	Monthly Meeting
May 11, 2000	Monthly Meeting
June 8, 2000	Monthly Meeting
June 16, 2000	Spring Car Rally meets Anchorage Club @ Paxson Lodge
July 13, 2000	Monthly Meeting
August 10, 2000	Monthly Meeting
September 14, 2000	Monthly Meeting
October 12, 2000	Monthly Meeting
November 9, 2000	Monthly Meeting
December 10, 2000	Christmas Party